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Ref. FOI2017/08917

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 14 September 2017 requesting the following information:

"I would like to make an FOI request regarding Dmytro Firtash, the buyer of the MoD site, Brompton Road tube station in London (Brompton Road 206, SW3 2BQ, London).

Was the property sold through formal/informal tender, auction or private treaty?

What was the date on which the tendering process started?

What was the value of the property sold to Dmytro Firtash?

What steps were taken by the MoD, lawyers or selling agency to check the provenance of the funds used to buy the above property.

Was information about the buyer and the funds used to purchase it reviewed in relation to checks required under the Money Laundering Regulations and the Proceeds of Crime Act by a lawyer or other official?

Were any red flag indicators detected by the lawyers or the MoD in any dealings with the buyers of the above properties in relation to the sale of the property suggesting there were reasonable grounds for knowing or suspecting, that the buyers were engaged in, or attempting, money laundering or fraud?

Was a Suspicious Activity Report sent to the National Crime Agency in relation to the buyer of the above property or funds used to purchase the property?

Did the NCA give its consent to the transaction?

Did the NCA make any comments in relation to the transaction, and if so, what were they?"

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held. Under Section 21 of the Act (Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means) you will find the information on gov.uk using the links below.

Was the property sold through formal/informal tender, auction or private treaty?

What was the date on which the tendering process started?

What was the value of the property sold to Dmytro Firtash?

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/571892/20160623-FOI05941.pdf

What steps were taken by the MoD, lawyers or selling agency to check the provenance of the funds used to buy the above property.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-06-07/39792/>

Were any red flag indicators detected by the lawyers or the MoD in any dealings with the buyers of the above properties in relation to the sale of the property suggesting there were reasonable grounds for knowing or suspecting, that the buyers were engaged in, or attempting, money laundering or fraud?

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/549111/DIO_FOI_2_016_06083_Information_on_the_buyer_of_the_property_Dmytro_Firtash_and_funds_to_buy_and_purchase.pdf

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If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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